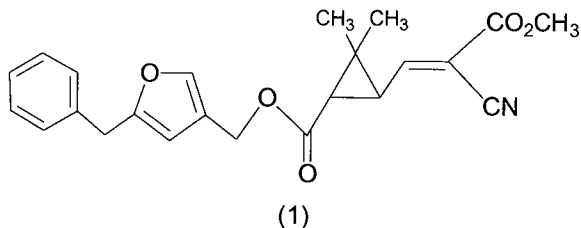


Amendments to and Listing of the Claims:

Please amend claims 2-4, without prejudice, and add new claims 8 and 9, as set forth in the following listing of claims, which replaces all prior listings of claims.

1. (Previously Presented) An ester compound given by the formula (1):



2. **(Currently Amended)** The ester compound according to claim 1, wherein ~~the configuration of the substituent on 1-position of the cyclopropane ring is in trans configuration relative to and the configuration of the substituent on 3-position of the cyclopropane ring are trans configuration.~~
3. **(Currently Amended)** An ~~arthropod~~ acarina-controlling composition comprising the ester compound described in claim 1 as an active ingredient and an inert carrier.
4. **(Currently Amended)** A method for controlling ~~arthropods~~ acarina comprising applying an effective amount of the ester compound described in claim 1 to the ~~arthropods~~ acarina or locus where the ~~arthropods~~ acarina inhabit.
5. (Cancelled)
6. (Previously Presented) An insect-controlling composition comprising the ester compound described in claim 1 as an active ingredient and an inert carrier.
7. (Previously Presented) A method for controlling insects comprising applying an effective amount of the ester compound described in claim 1 to the insects or locus where the insects inhabit.

8. (New) The insect-controlling composition of claim 6, wherein the composition is effective in controlling insects selected from the group consisting of Lepidoptera, Diptera, Dictyoptera, Hymenoptera, Siphonaptera, Anoplura, Isoptera, Hemiptera, Coleoptera, Thysanoptera and Orthoptera.

9. (New) The method of claim 7, wherein the insects are selected from the group consisting of Lepidoptera, Diptera, Dictyoptera, Hymenoptera, Siphonaptera, Anoplura, Isoptera, Hemiptera, Coleoptera, Thysanoptera and Orthoptera.